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MODERNISATION OF TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under the consideration of the Government to modernise the Telecommunication system in the country during the tenth Plan period;

(b) if so, the State-wise plan formulated by the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL); and

(c) the fund earmarked for the purpose, State-wise, particularly for Madhya Pradesh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a)Yes,Sir.A number of steps are envisaged for the expansion/modernization of Telecommunication system during the Tenth Five Year Plan period. These are as follows:

(i) Achieve telecom coverage of all villages in the country and provide reliable transmission media in all rural exchanges.

(ii) Provide reliable media to all exchanges.

(iii) Provide High-speed data and multi media capability using technologies including ISDN to all towns with a population greater than two lakhs.

(b) The targets are set by BSNL on annual basis. The State-wise plan/implementation for modernization of the network during the first three years of Tenth Five Year Plan in respect of BSNL are given in Annexure − I.

(c) Details are given in Annexure-II.